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of

THE TRAVANCORE SRI CHITRA STATE COUNCIL.

(*OFFICIAL REPORT.*)

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Thursday, the 23rd November. 1933|8th Vrischikam 1109.

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven of the Clock, in the forenoon, the President, Thomas Austin Esquire, I. C. S., Barrister-at-Law, Dewan of Travancore, presiding.

OATH OF OFFICE.

The following members were sworn in :—

(1) Mr. L. H. Jacob (*Ag. Chief Engineer*)
(2) Mr. A. Kumara Pillai, B. A., (*Secretary to Government*).
(3) Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai, M. A., B. Sc., Ph. D. (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*)
(4) Mr. R. Nilakanta Pillai, B. A., B. L., (*Financial Secretary to Government*)
(5) Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai, B. A., B. L., (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*)
(6) Mr. R. M. Statham, M. A. I. E. S., C. I. E., (*Director of Public Instruction*)
(7) Miss. D. H. Watts, B. A. (*Nominated*)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Licence granted for electric supply in Nagercoil Municipality.

MR. V. S. ARUMUKHAM PILLAI (*Tovala* cum *Agastiswaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

[Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai.]

(*a*) whether they consulted the Nagercoil Municipality before granting licence for electric supply to the Proprietor, Nagercoil Electric Supply Corporation, Ltd.;

(*b*) whether the municipality offered to do the business themselves; if so, why the licence was not granted to them; and what was the period of licence when first granted to the abovesaid licensee;

(*c*) whether there was any extension of the period of licence if so, when it was done and the period so extended; whether it was done in consultation with the Nagercoil Municipality or by a reference to the Electrical Engineer to Government; and, if not, why not; and

(*d*) whether the Government are aware that the said Corporation has started the work of the plant, etc., by a private agreement with a foreign company, whether any officer of the Government has looked into the accounts so far kept, as required by the Electricity Regulation; if so, whether he has made any report; and if so, what the report is?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. The President forwarded a resolution (dated 21-9-1105) of the municipality that they have no objection to the grant of the licence applied for.

(*b*) The municipality did not offer to do the business themselves, but only requested that until they have considered the financial aspect of the question, Government should not issue a licence to a private person. No further request had come from the municipality in the matter.

The second part of the question does not arise.

No period has been fixed for the licence, but the licensee has under the terms of the licence to commence supply of energy within the limits of the compulsory area within two years from the date of sanction to the licence.

(*c*) Two extensions were granted to the period of 2 years referred to in part (*b*), the first being till July 1933, and the second till January 1934. Government are competent to grant such extensions under the Electricity Regulation without any reference to either the municipality or the Electrical Engineer to Government.

(*d*) The licensee is competent to make any arrangement he likes as regards payment, and all that the Government have to be satisfied with is whether he is in a position to carry out the obligations under the Regulation.

The accounts prescribed under the Travancore Electricity Regulation of 1097 (Section 11 of the Regulation and Rule 32(3) of the Rules) relate to Capital Expenditure, Revenue, Sinking Fund and Reserve, and these accounts can be maintained only after the works are completed and the scheme comes into operation. The licensee will have to render his accounts as contemplated in the above Section, only after he has completed the works and supply has been commenced.

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